

## Section 4 – Safeguards

Maintaining a safe learning environment online is as important as it is on a physical campus, and the risk factors are arguably higher. ***Foothills Academy is committed to using only secure learning management and student information systems.*** GradPoint operates on the secure LMS, Brainhoney; each user must have a unique username and password, the latter of which is auto-generated to optimize randomness and security.<sup>40</sup> ***External links within the platform are chosen during the course and lesson authoring process, and are carefully evaluated and screened before they are added.*** A list of all external links within GradPoint courses is available on the FA website.<sup>41</sup> Reporting problems is simple and instructions will be included in orientation materials; students can choose to inform the CC or report directly.<sup>42</sup> Pearson regularly checks these links to ensure they are up-to-date, and acts on broken links quickly and the fixes chain to the customer copied derivative courses.

During the *FA Online* orientation and throughout FA 101, the following online protection issues will be presented and emphasized with the students and their families:

- Employ antivirus and internet security software (free or low cost listing acceptable, and a list of recommendations will be provided).
- Employ an internet filter program on all the devices and router such as OpenDNS or Umbrella® to control access to inappropriate or even dangerous websites.
- Digital Citizenship (privileges, responsibilities, and safeguards).<sup>43</sup>

Whenever online students access the internet at FACP's learning center, inappropriate online content is blocked by the school's filter and strict firewall (as managed by Interstate). Internet protocols are rooted in the Child Internet Protection Act.